

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO LOVERS OF BASEBALL AND OTHER ATHLETICS

TWO OPENING GAMES FOR THE SENATORS

President Johnson Shifts Dates in League Schedule.

FAST PRACTICE YESTERDAY

Senators Will Open at Home and Will Assist at Philadelphia Opening—First Exhibition Game Next Wednesday—Infield Gets Down to Work.

For some time Manager Loftus had been a little sore over the deal given Washington in regard to opening games. When the schedule was first presented to the American League magnates the Senators were only given one opening game, the one on their home grounds. Boston secured three, their own with Baltimore, the one on the Baltimore home grounds, and one at Philadelphia.

Upon Manager Loftus bringing this to the attention of the schedule committee, it was changed so that the Senators opened at home with Boston and then returned the compliment on the Boston grounds. This was satisfactory to the local manager, but he later learned that Boston and Baltimore had arranged to initiate the field at the Hub this year on April 11, Bunker Hill Day.

While this was not really the opening day of the American League season, still it will be a championship game, and Manager Loftus thought that it would rather take the wind out of the Senators' sails. He wanted, too, openings without let or hindrance.

Beneficial Change in Dates.

Instead of raising a better, however, and getting every one excited. Loftus simply stated the facts to President Johnson, and last night he received a letter notifying him of the following changes in the league schedule:

"Washington will open the Philadelphia grounds May 2, 3, 5, and 6.
"Baltimore will open the Boston grounds May 2, 3, 5, and 6.
"Washington will play Boston May 7, 8, 9, and 10.
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In this manner Washington will secure its quota of legitimate openings. The first will occur on April 23, at home; the second on May 2, at Philadelphia. Manager Loftus is more than pleased with this arrangement, as he thinks that the Senators will be more of a drawing card at Philadelphia than they would be at Boston.

Senators Again at Work.

With the first ray of sunshine that broke its way through the storm clouds yesterday the Senators were off in a bunch for the League Park. The boys did not require any urging to get into their playing tops and start work. In fact, because the weather had fully made up its mind whether or not it would be lenient and allow them to sneak in a day's practice the majority of them were on the field toasting the leather.

The ground was in very good condition considering the state of yesterday. In fact, the sun had played on it for an hour or so so the dummies was put entirely to flight and the Senators were enabled to get in some fast work.

The entire bunch was out, and for the first time the men got in a little team work. With Carey on first, Coughlin covering the middle sack, Ely guarding the short field, and Wolverton doing stunts around the third bag, the Senatorial infield was complete.

Coughlin at Second Base.

To the fortunate few who witnessed the speed with which the leather was whipped around the sacks all doubt was removed regarding the ability of the bunch that Manager Loftus has accumulated this year. The men worked as though they had been playing together for weeks, and although the ground has not been smoothed off, few indeed were the grass cutters that slipped past the Senatorial bulwark.

Coughlin took his first dose of the second-cushion pellets that Manager Loftus has prescribed for him this season. "Bills" still makes a very fine catcher, but he thinks of checking these down, but he is as game as they are made, and is going after the fine points of his new position in a manner that easily convinces the critics that he will undoubtedly make good.

The former third-sacker is a natural-born fielder, and should be able to create a new record for the middle position before the season is over. He is quick on his feet, and when Billy gets the ball he is never in a quandary to know what to do with it. Coughlin may occasionally make an error, or once in a while his judgment will be a little off color, but he never hangs on to the ball. That is one of the greatest recommendations for a second baseman, and Washington should be well up in the double-play standing of the league.

First Game Wednesday.

That terrible left arm of "Scoops" Carey is even more effective than ever. The long, lanky guardian of the initial sack can stand on the bag with one foot, and reach nearly down to the second base after a wild throw. He gathered in several yesterday that seemed entirely beyond the reach of even his lengthy salary hook.

Today will be a semi-holiday for the Senators. They will not be required to don their uniforms, but if the weather is fine the majority of the ball tossers will undoubtedly be on the field at least once. It is not so long now before the first game that they can afford to pass up any time that can be spent on the emerald diamond, and the men realize this as well as anyone.

The first game that the Senators will play this season will be pulled off on the local field next Wednesday. The local bunch will run up against the Red Sox, the Jersey City aggregation for a series of three games. Next Saturday the Senators will take on the Georgetown nine, and a close and exciting struggle is expected.

Georgetown After Revenge.

The college boys are looking forward eagerly to their meeting with the professionals. Last year the Senators took them down twice, and they will obtain revenge, if possible. The collegians have been playing now for nearly a month, and are in prime condition, so that what they lack in science and experience will be partly compensated for by their superior condition.

Georgetown will put Bobby Blewett in the box, and if the Senators can walk the leather after he gets through putting twists and things on it, they need not have much fear regarding their fate when they face the professional twirlers. Blewett is the best of the college slab artists.

and early in the season the amateurs can give their professional brethren cards and spades.

The Blue and Gray batsmen are just aching for another chance at Southpaw Lee. The Western youngster made monkey out of the collegians by striking three men out after pitching nine balls. This has ruffled ever since, and there will be trouble for one Wyatt Lee if he goes in the box next Saturday.

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"BUCK" ORTH LIMBERING UP HIS SALARY ARM.

THE ART OF PITCHING.

By A. L. ORTH, One of the Senators' Twirling Corps.

In looking over the work of the different pitchers since I have been in the National League, I find the majority of them think that if they can throw a good number of curves they are all right, and go in the box with the idea that they can strike out every man who steps up to the plate.

This is where they make a serious error, and they will discover later that a good control of your head counts for almost as much as control over the ball. I have found this to be true.

When I first started to play ball I attempted to strike out all the batsmen that faced me, but I soon found that I could not send in one curve after another for an entire game. It is a great strain on the arm, and the game now is to work the batter by using the head as well as the mere physical science of throwing a twisting ball.

The twirler in these days must know the batsman's weaknesses. All ball players have a particular dislike for one sort of a ball. A pitcher should find the weak spot after he has pitched to the man two or three times.

The best points that a pitcher can have are good control and a clear head. A pitcher who has a change of speed in his delivery, that is, being able to throw a fast ball and a slow one with the same motion of the arm, is very effective. Most of the older pitchers work this change of pace with great regularity and success, and, in my opinion, all young pitchers starting into the business should learn to do it at the outset of their careers.

It is very deceiving to the batter, in that, when he is at the plate, and the pitcher delivers a fast ball, he is served up to hit it, and if he misses it, and a slow ball is thrown with the same motion, nine times out of ten he loses his nerve, and if he connects with the ball at all the hit can be easily handled before he can get to a base.

I also find that a very sharp curved ball, and a slow curved ball, with the same arm motion, is very effective. However, a pitcher must have good control to use both the fast and slow ball with success.

And if I have two strikes on three balls against the batsman, to curve the next ball pitched is nearly always advisable. It is an even chance that the batsman will expect a straight ball.

Another good ball to use, with a very deceiving delivery, is one thrown underhanded. It can be thrown very hard, has an exceedingly sharp, quick curve, and it is very often his for only a pop fly. It is also possible to throw a slow underhanded ball with the underhand swing, which gives a change of pace with this one motion.

To make a success, a pitcher is compelled to take good care of himself; take a personal interest in the game, stay willing at all times to learn. It is a great strain to stand and throw a ball for two hours and sometimes longer. I think if a pitcher starts out and keeps cool and does his best, even if he does get the worst of it at first, he is bound to come out a winner in the end, as many have done, and will do, as long as the national game is played.

The tempo of the game is such that the twirler always something to learn, and I have found that the best thing for a young man who wants to play ball to remember is that he is not an old dog, and can be taught all kinds of new tricks.

HUGH DUFFY'S OPINION.

Thinks American League Will Lose by Change to Fifty-Cent Ball.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 5.—Hugh Duffy, manager of the local Western League club in speaking of the trouble between the National and American Leagues said tonight:

"The American League made the mistake of its life when it cut away from 25-cent ball. That was the slogan that won the fans to the side of the American League, and now the officials break away from that standard and raise the price of admission. The National League will be wise to adopt 25-cent ball, and the tide will be turned. I do not believe that the National League magnates will favor peace with the American, now that the two factions have gotten together."

LOWE TO CAPTAIN REMNANTS.

Manager Sees Former Bostonian to Guide Their Faltering Footsteps.

In making the appointment of Robert Lowe as captain of the Chicago Nationals, Manager Sees paid the well-known player a graceful compliment. He said:

"I am doing what I think is for the best interests of the team. While it is true that Lowe has been with me for twelve years on the Boston team, I would not let that fact give him preference over any other man whom I considered better for the place. Lowe has shown up this spring in better shape than in any spring since I have known him, and I think he will make a good leader. He displays excellent judgment in a game, being especially quick on double plays. I think he and Herman Long negotiated more double plays than any other pair in the league last year."

GOT THE NAMES MIXED.

Comiskey Was Very Badly Scared Until He Saw the Paper.

(Special to The Washington Times.) Captain Comiskey, of the White Stockings, is telling his friends of a scare he had the other evening when he returned home from work at the baseball park. A newspaper man had called at the

Comiskey residence during the afternoon to interview him on the death of Tom Burns. Mrs. Comiskey was at home, and the reporter told her what his errand was, but in telling it got the names slightly mixed and said that Tom Daly was dead.

When Comiskey came at night his wife met him at the door.

"Well," she said, "you have lost your second baseman."

"What's the matter with him?" came the breathless inquiry.

"Dead."

The old Roman turned pale, and then he turned to an evening paper and read that it was his old friend Burns who had been called to rest, and not the second baseman of the White Stockings—Pittsburg Press.

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present circumstances, what will become of them in the event of a consolidation? The American League is undoubtedly in the strongest position, and it will be the magnates of this organization that dictate the majority of the terms of consolidation. When this view is considered it is evident that it will take several hundred thousand before any great damage is done to the American teams.

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DO NOT FEAR COLD.

Former Senator Clingman's Team Are Working Out at Cincinnati.

(Special to The Washington Times.) CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 5.—While the members of the Cincinnati team are hugging the stove and talking baseball, Manager Billy Clingman and his brewers are busily engaged getting into shape at Norwood Park. The chilly winds and the snowflakes are not enough to keep the Brewers indoors.

For the past two days Clingman has had his players on the field twice a day. Of course, they have worked only lightly, but they have worked.

To date the following players have reported for duty: John Bracken, Claude Elliott, Nick Altrock, John Hilbert, Arthur Herman, George Speer, Sam Dunagan, Jack O'Connell, Otto Thiel, John Geyer, Tom Parrott, William Hallman, Gey McBride, and Tom McAndrews. The absentees are expected by Manager Clingman within the next few days.

gone high, but in every case the salary list has not put a dangerous strain upon the gate receipts, and the men will be assured of their salaries during the season. This fact tends to a large extent in the figuring done by a ball player before he attaches his signature to a contract, and he will not always go where he can obtain the promise of the most money unless there is some assurance of his getting it. The players also need to look carefully to the future, as should they jump the American League, under the

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MUTES OUTPLAYED BY BLUE AND GRAY

Just out of reach of the infielders, a little to the left of second base, Manning was off with the crack of the bat, and was coached home by Wright. Hines made a tremendous spurt, and reached the ball within a few inches of the ground, but managed to keep on his feet.

It was impossible to tell whether he had the ball or not until he straightened up on the base line a third of the way down to third base. Manning was two-thirds of the way home, and Hines ran to third base with the ball, but did not reach for some time, completing the triple play, as both runners were forced to return to third base before the ball got there.

In the excitement Manning started back, and Sweeney, who was at second base, called for the ball. Hines walked down the line and tossed the ball to second, which was wholly unnecessary, but deceived the reporters who wrote up the play, and who gave Sweeney credit for a put-out in the triple play.

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The entire corps of pitchers were given an opportunity to test their respective brands of curves and benders against the ability of the Gallaudet batsmen. Blood opened the game, and for three innings but two hits were obtained off his delivery. Mackay followed, and for two innings not a hit was obtained. Fay was unfortunate in the sixth and seventh innings, but a Waterloo awaited Cox when he appeared on the slab.

Cox Flies Distress Signal.

The lad who successfully manipulated the leather against old Eli was in the nature of a cinch to the Kendall Green aggregation. The first time he appeared on the slab they found him for but a simple single, but there was trouble brewing in the ninth, however. McDonough started the batting matinee by locating an uncovered portion of the right garden.

Apparently disgruntled by this state of affairs Cox attempted to catch the lucky mallet napping on the initial sack. Instead of placing the leather in the neighborhood of the first baseman, however, he slammed the sphere into the right field bleachers, and McDonough tramped around to the last corner. Baters was next man to face Cox, and by an exhibition of patience, received free transportation.

Gallaudet Scores Thrice.

The Mutes then attempted to engineer a double steal, and the ball was thrown to Dorman in an attempt to cut off Waters. It was a failure, however, and when Dorman passed the ball on to the third sack he was unfortunate enough to throw in such a manner that the ball went between Morgan and the sun. Blinded by the glare the third baseman failed to see the leather, and it continued on its passage toward the left field bleacher.

McDonough and Waters were on the alert, and by rapid sprinting crossed the plate before Morgan could recover the leather. The Mutes' third and last run was pounded across the plate by a series of clean-cut singles. Lawrence planted one with cut to right. Worley planted one in the opposite garden, and Lawrence scored on Burdick's drive to right center.

Saved by Double Play.

Georgetown was, indeed, in a predicament. While they were still in possession of a comfortable lead, the Mutes were hammering Cox almost at will. In addition to this, the Blue and Gray had exhausted its twirling department, and there was no one to call upon for help.

It was in this uncomfortable state of affairs that Dismell and Moran came to the front with a double play that retrieved the side, and relieved the anxiety. McNair caught the leather in the center for a long drive into right field. It looked perfectly safe, and Worley, who was in second base, started on his way around the circuit.

Dismell, however, was to be depended upon, and by a long hard run, managed to seize the sphere and retain his grasp upon the slippery covering. He then turned and lined the ball to Moran, who cut off Worley before he could return to the sack.

COLLEGE BASEBALL GAMES.

Famous Big Four Easily Take Care of Their Opponents.

At Princeton.	R.	H.	E.	R.	H.	E.
Princeton.....	10	2	0	0	1	0
Yale.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Batteries—Stevens and Groves; Dasher and Butler.						

At Philadelphia.	R.	H.	E.	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia.....	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania.....	1	2	0	1	0	0
Batteries—Cockell and Stanton; Doolin, Groves and Roney.						

At Charlottesville, Va.	R.	H.	E.	R.	H.	E.
Charlottesville.....	1	1	0	0	0	0
Roanoke.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Batteries—Winston and Herndon; Schumann and Eichberger.						

At Chapel Hill, N. C.	R.	H.	E.	R.	H.	E.
Chapel Hill.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Batteries—Chase and Widney; Wilson, McDonald and Connell.						

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

New Way of Using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. Arthur Chapman, writing from Durban, Natal, South Africa, says: "As a proof that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a cure suitable for old and young, I pen you the following: A neighbor of mine had a child just over two months old. It had a very bad cough, and the parents did not know what to give it. I suggested that if they would get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and put some upon the dummy that the baby was sucking it would no doubt cure the child. This they did, and brought about a quick relief and cured the baby. This remedy is for sale by E. W. Evans, Wholesale and Retail, 222 and 224 F Street northwest, and all druggists."

The Georgetown Baseball Team Defeats Gallaudet With Ease.

MANY CHANGES IN LINE-UP.

Merely a Practice Game for the Boys Across the Creek—Cox Found With Ease—Batting Rally in Ninth Inning—Clever Double Play.

Georgetown, 17 runs, 16 hits, 6 errors; Gallaudet, 4 runs, 7 hits, 11 errors. That is the complete story of yesterday's game on Georgetown campus, in a nutshell. Of course there were many variations in that a grand total of twenty-five players participated in the contest, but the efforts of the majority of these simply contributed toward prolonging the contest without relieving the monotony by the slightest approach to brilliant playing.

The Blue and Gray tusslers simply played horse with their antagonists. At the end of the third inning the score was 11 to